

Richest Man in United States Not Rockefeller, but Timber King

Frederick Weyerhaeuser, of St. Paul, Holds Property Worth a Billion. IS ALMOST A RECLUSE.

Unknown Even to His Business Associates, He Has Grabbed Vast Timber Tracts.

There has been found a richer man than Rockefeller, and he lives here in the United States too. That a comparatively obscure man owning properties worth a billion of dollars should be living in this country seems unbelieved and, generally speaking, unheard of seems incredible in this day of newspaper publicity. Mr. Charles Norcross, the well-known Washington correspondent, belongs the credit of having brought into the limelight the little-known personality of Frederick Weyerhaeuser.

In the December number of the Cosmopolitan Magazine Mr. Norcross has an interesting article telling how one old man has gathered together the vast fortune on earth—a fortune largely bound up in timber lands—and how the accumulation of this inconceivable estate has been made possible through a great national crime.

Frederick Weyerhaeuser is a recluse. His own business associates do not share his secrets. His home life in St. Paul is quiet and simple. Even to those who know him best he is a living puzzle, an enigma, a mystery which they cannot solve.

Born in Germany in 1834, he came to this country as an immigrant, moved west and went to work as a section hand on a new railroad. Then he got a job in a saw mill. Soon he owned the mill.

Timber Lands.

The rest of his life has been a slow, unceasing, steady grind of buying timber cheap, selling it at a profit, buying more timber, then acquiring still larger tracts by the methods which have lately led to so many scandals in this country. Today the great forest tracts of the Northwest are his; he has more money than a million men of his tastes and desires could spend in a hundred years.

In his article in the Cosmopolitan Mr. Norcross says:

"There is nothing in this country growing in value by leaps and bounds like timber properties. The pinon is commanding. The prodigious waste of years in creating a paucity of desirable timber tracts. The famine isn't much yet; but in time, possibly within the next score of years, according to well-informed lumbermen, the real supply will be greatly diminished and prices will rise even more than they have in the past, even more than we have begun to realize, the fruits of his foresight."

"If he lives twenty years longer and retains what he has now, he will be wealthy beyond all comparison. It is hardly necessary to be specific as to the increase in the value of timber lands, but just a dozen or more could be cited, and these cases, John G. Stetson, editor of the Lumberman's Review, and one of the best informed lumber experts in the country, is authority."

How Values Jumped.

According to Mr. Stetson, one piece of yellow-pine land, held ten years ago at a price of seventy-five thousand dollars, is today unobtainable at seven hundred and fifty thousand dollars. Another tract in western Oregon, covered with spruce and hemlock, and purchased five years ago for twelve thousand dollars, has recently been sold for fifteen thousand dollars. The case of the saw-mill, it is continued indefinitely, but these two are cited simply to show the way the timber trade has increased in value. They are in my opinion the most remarkable instances of others just as impressive could be given.

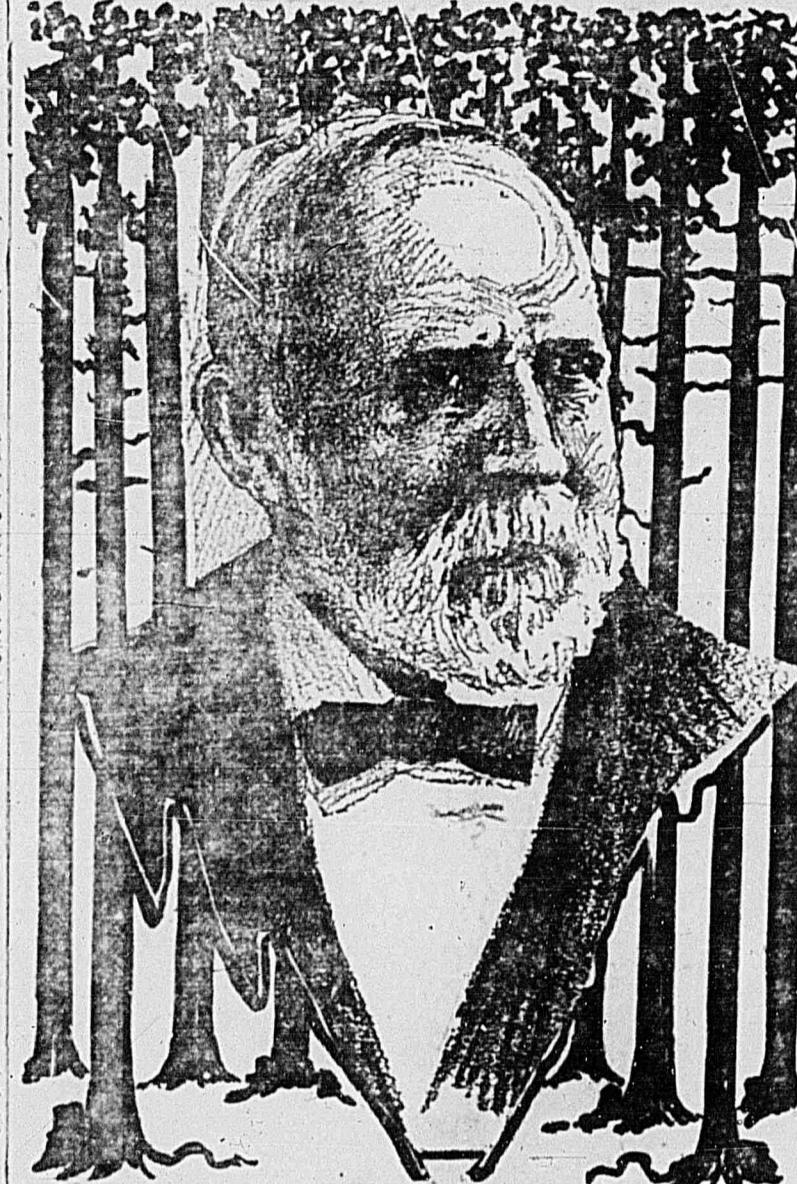
"In the lumber territory of Wisconsin, Minnesota, and the Mississippi River district, he has reigned for years."

"He has reigned for years," he said recently the Weyerhaeuser interests sold one square mile in Thurston County, Washington, for \$6,000. "Avegs. of lumber in an acre of course there was dream. It would be safe to say, however, that the land is worth close to a billion dollars and is increasing in value at a greater rate than any other public utility."

Had Share in Graft.

"With the recent revelations as to graft and the illegal methods used by various 'captains of industry' to achieve their enormous wealth, the world naturally wants to know whether Weyerhaeuser and his associates have created the giant industries organized in the Northwest, and the instrumental fortune with clean hands. Unfortunately not. Weyerhaeuser and his associates, like Mitchell and many others in the Northwest did their part in securing lands fraudulently. The game of homesteading and the Government and the law were just as familiar to the Weyerhaeuser interests as to others."

"Possibly Weyerhaeuser never per-



Frederick Weyerhaeuser.

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